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	Examiner Matthew P. Coughlin	Art Unit 1626	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-31 and 56-76 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-31, 69 and 71 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 56-62, 64-68, 70 and 72-76 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

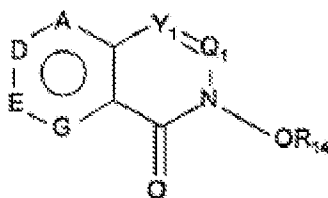
Claims 20-31 and 56-76 are pending in the application. Claim 63 is rejected. Claims 20-31, 69 and 71 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 56-62, 64-68, 70 and 72-76 are objected to.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Group II, claims 56-76 (in part), in the reply filed on July 23rd, 2009 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). NOTE: Group II reads on claims 56-68, 70 and 72-76, but does not read on claims 69 and 71.

Claims 20-31, 69 and 71 and the non-elected subject matter of claims 56-68, 70 and 72-76 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on July 23rd, 2009.

The subject of this examination, according to Group II, is the following core structure:



where Y₁ is nitrogen,

Q₁ is carbon,

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one of A, D, E, and G is nitrogen,
and all other substituents are as defined within the instant claims.

Priority

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Filing of International Application No. PCT/US04/36428, filed Monday, November 1st, 2004, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to Provisional Application No. 60/516167, filed October 31st, 2003.

The disclosure of Provisional Application No. 60/516167 was examined due to intervening prior art (Carpino et al. J. Org. Chem. 2004, 69, 54-61, provided in the IDS filed December 29th, 2008), and the provisional application provides sufficient support under 35 USC 112 1st paragraph. Accordingly, the priority date of this application (with respect to the elected invention) for prior art purposes is October 31st, 2003.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has considered the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 29th, 2008 and September 22nd, 2006.

Claim Objections

Claims 65 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim 65 recites that R12 and R13 are independently lower alkyl, aryl, or aryl lower alkyl; however, the parent claim 56 does not provide for R12 and R13 to be aryl or aryl lower alkyl.

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Claim 67 is objected to because the value "R13" has been used where the parent claim uses "R11" to define the same position. It is suggested that Applicant amend claim 67 to replace "R13" with "R11".

Claim 70 is objected to because the word form is misspelled as "from." See the definition of R24, R25, R26 and R22.

Claims 60, 64, 68, 75 are objected to because they do not end in a period.

Claims 56-76 are objected to as being drawn to (in part) non-elected subject matter. It is suggested that Applicant delete this non-elected subject matter from the claims in the reply to this office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

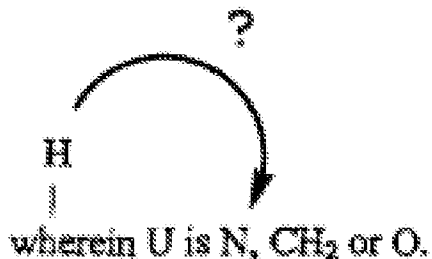
The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 63 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 63 recites the limitation that "U is N, CH₂ or O." There is a valence problem when U is N. The additional substituent on nitrogen has not been defined. It appears that there may have been a formatting error where the hydrogen atom that is presently not bound to anything should be bound to nitrogen. See below.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The elected subject matter appears to be free of the prior art. It is suggested that Applicant amend the claims to remove non-elected subject matter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew P. Coughlin whose telephone number is (571)270-1311. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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